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1. The Communists are presently applying military and political pressure on LI Tsung-jen in an effort to persuade him to negotiate peace. LIU Fei, one of the Nationalist representatives who was only recently released from Peiping, brought LI a firm Communist offer, the contents of which are unknown.
2. LI Tsung-jen fears that a Communist drive westward from central Kiangsi will isolate PAI Chung-hsi from Kwangsi; he is concerned also over recent developments in Kweichow, where seizure of part of the Kweiyang-Chungking highway by local Communists under CHU Chia-pi (朱家璧) threatens his communications with western China.
3. LI has made no decision concerning the Communist offer, but is waiting to hear conclusively from KAN Chieh-hou's mission in Washington before making up his mind.

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Comment. It is believed that the above accurately reflects LI's dilemma and gives the major factors which will influence his decision whether or not to continue the war against the Communists. It is source's opinion that even if LI were to receive no more than moral backing from the United States, he would not make peace.

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